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SUBJECT: CHILE TO MAKE DEMARCHE IN DEPARTMENT ON UNESCO
AND HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: A) PARIS 27706 B) STATE 232308

1. THE EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY THE FONMINISTRY THAT THE DEPARTMENT MAY EXPECT A DEMARCHE FROM THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON CONCERNING COMPLAINTS ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE UNESCO EXECUTIVE BOARD COMMITTEE ON CONVENTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON EDUCATION. THE MINISTRY EVIDENTLY PREFERS TO RAISE THE MATTER IN WASHINGTON.

2. FONMINISTRY DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS JORGE BERGUNO TOLD EMBOFF SEPTEMBER 21 THAT THE MINISTRY WAS CABLING INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CHILEAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. BERGUNO WAS TALKING ABOUT THE SITUATION NOW THE SUBJECT OF REF A, BUT MAY HAVE AN ERRONEOUS UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE EXBD COMMITTEE.

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3. BERGUNO SAID THAT THIS COMMITTEE IS THE ONLY PLACE

WITHIN THE UN COMPLEX WHERE SPECIFIC COMPLAINTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS AGAINST COUNTRIES OTHER THAN CHILE ARE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION. ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION, THERE IS A MOVE AFOOT WITHIN UNESCO TO TRANSFER THIS RESPONSIBILITY FROM THE EXBD COMMITTEE TO THE UNHRC, SO AS TO AVOID A CONFRONTATION WITH THE USSR IN UNESCO. BERGUNO SAID THE CHILEAN EMBASSY WOULD ASK US SUPPORT TO KEEP THE SUBJECT BEFORE UNESCO. (FOREGOING OBVIOUSLY RELATES TO SUBSTANCE OF PARIS 27706, AS UNDERSTOOD IN FONOFF.)

4. BERGUNO TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE EMBOFF'S CALL SEEKING GOC SUPPORT ON THE ISRAELI QUESTION AT THE UNESCO GENERAL CONFERENCE (REF B), TO INFORM US OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERN. POPPER

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